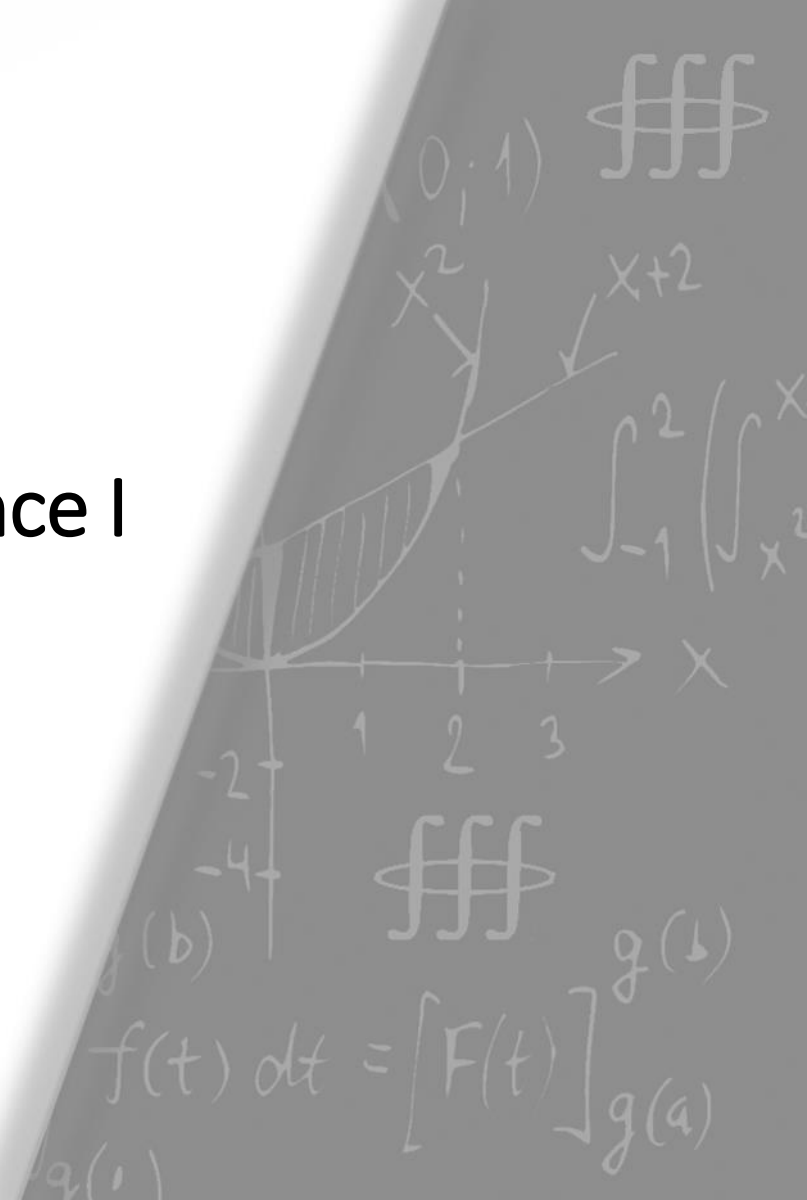




ITRI616 – Artificial Intelligence I

Vaal Triangle



Introduction

- Welcome to ITRI616 2021!
- In this module we will continue your education in AI focusing now search, neural networks and deep learning frameworks

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Thursdays 09:00 – 16:00 by appointment
Email me though if you have other needs

Administration

Contact Sessions:

Thursdays: 18:00 – 19:00 (online or in 9A-102)

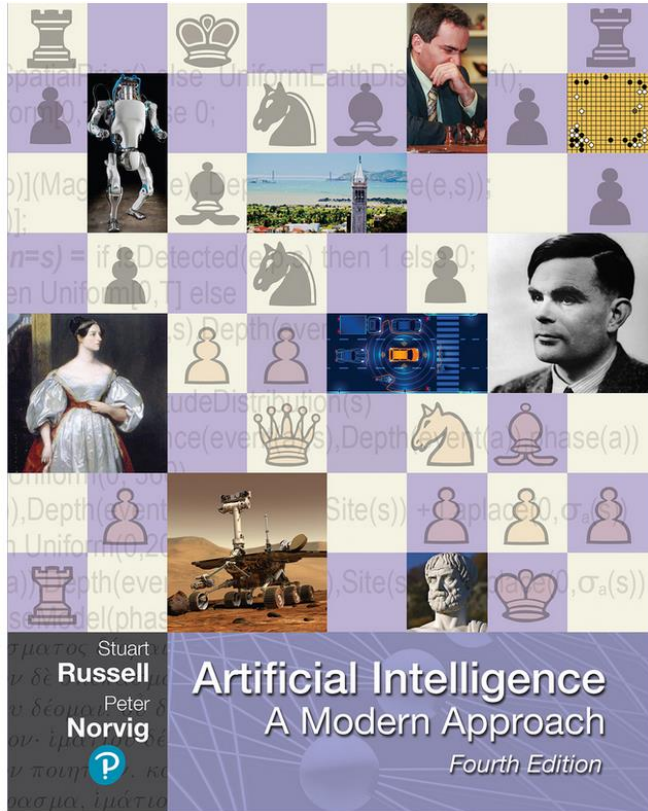
Textbooks:

Russel, S. and Norvig, P. 2021, Artificial Intelligence A Modern Approach. Prentice Hall. Fourth Edition. ISBN: 9780134671932

Trask, A. 2019, Grokking Deep Learning, Manning, First Edition, 2019. ISBN: 9781617293702

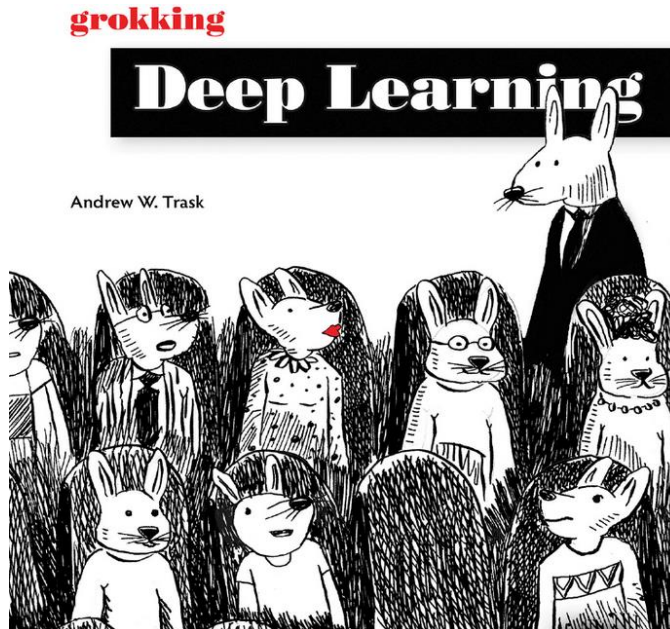
Links to buy the ebooks are on the eFundi site home page

Why these textbooks?



- The standard work: Used by 1400 universities in 128 countries.
- Stuart Russel: Prof at University of California in Computer Science and Neurological Surgery. Founder and leader of Center for Human Compatible AI. Vice Chair for the WEF council on AI and Robotics.
- Peter Norvig: Director of research at Google.

Why these textbooks?



- No mathematics beyond simple calculus required.
- Step by step practical examples.
- Endorsed by leading AI researchers like Lex Fridman of MIT.

Evaluations

No evaluations for the first two weeks after which I will put forward the finalised evaluation plan. There will be in total 15 assessments for the semester. There will be:

7 small practical assignments (approx 5% each – best 6 count)

5 small online tests (approx 5% each – best 4 count)

2 large sit down tests (10% each)

1 final sit down examination (30%)

Evaluations

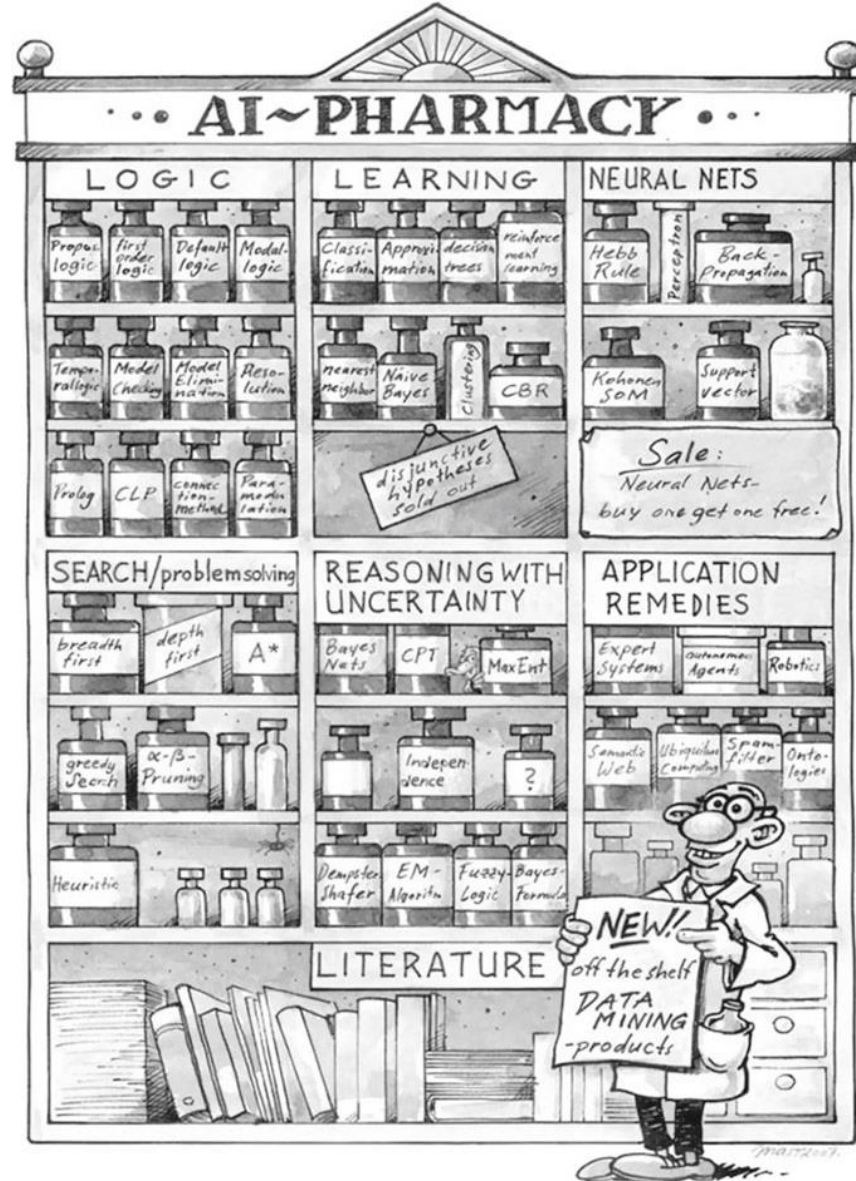
I will listen to valid excuses, but please do try and keep up and submit all of the assessments.

Communication

Whatsapp will again be used this semester – if you are not on the group or struggling to get messages for whatever reason please contact me urgently so we can work out a plan!

Attendance is important, but for online lessons the recordings will be made available in case you miss a class.

Focus



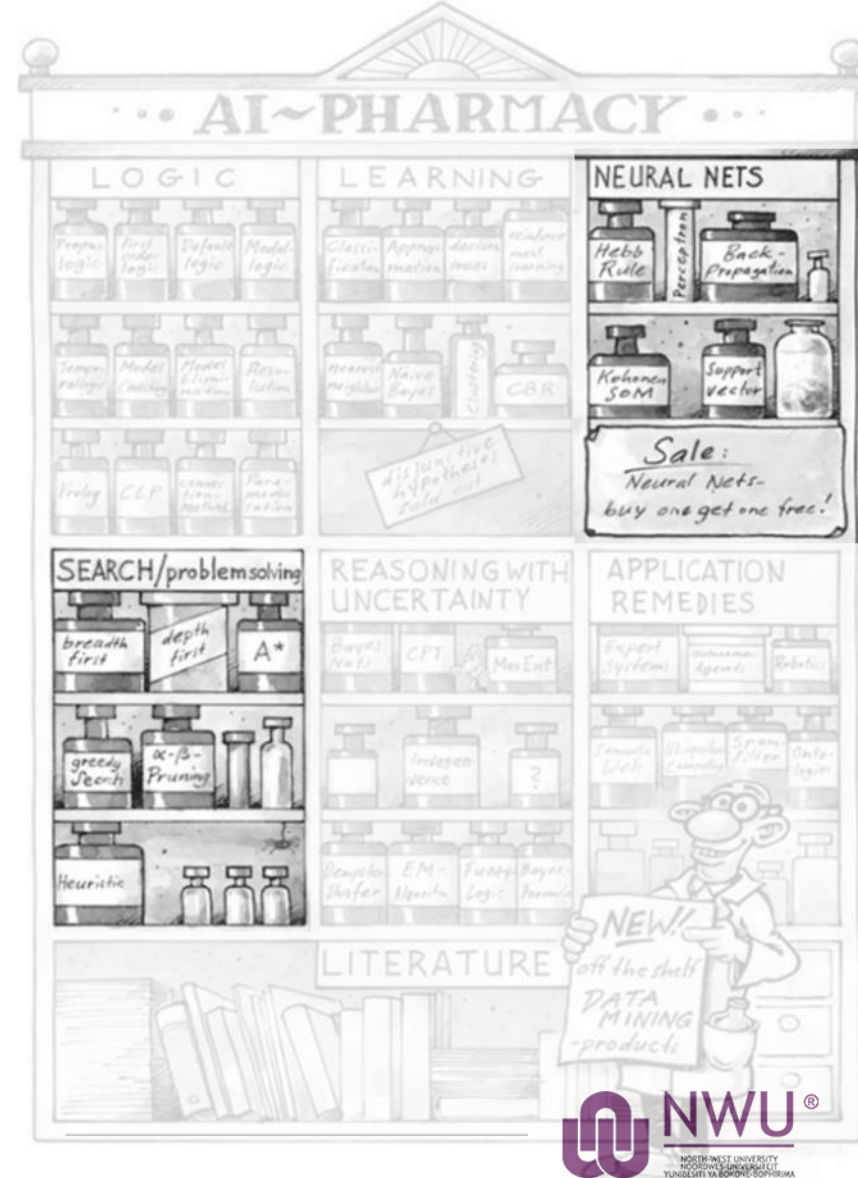
Focus

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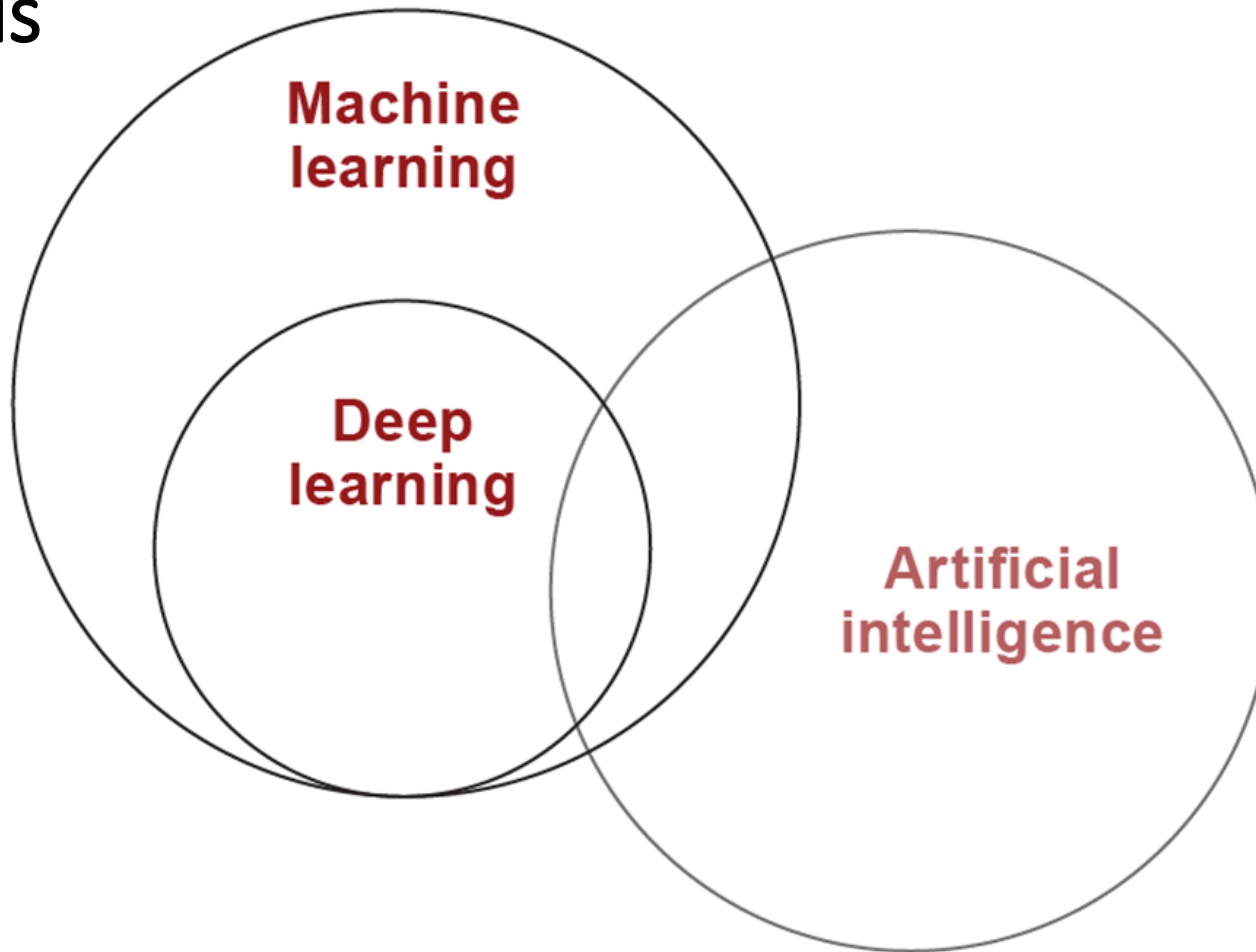
Agents

Machine learning and specifically
neural networks and deep learning.

More advanced search algorithms.



Focus

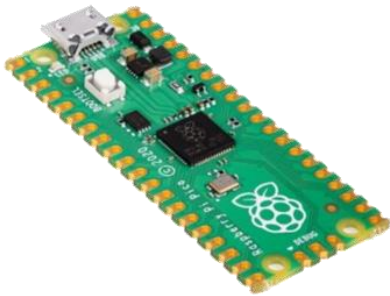


Robotics



Robotics is a field, and not an activity.

If I can work it into the syllabus I will, but as it is a wide concept, we need to be a little bit more specific as to what we want to do with it.



Robotics

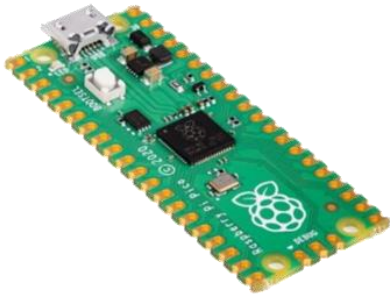


Ecosystem?

Programming?

Electronics?

Mechanics?



Next steps

- Get a copy of the textbook and read through chapter 1 (Russel and Norvig)
- Ensure you have a practical environment (see textbook)